



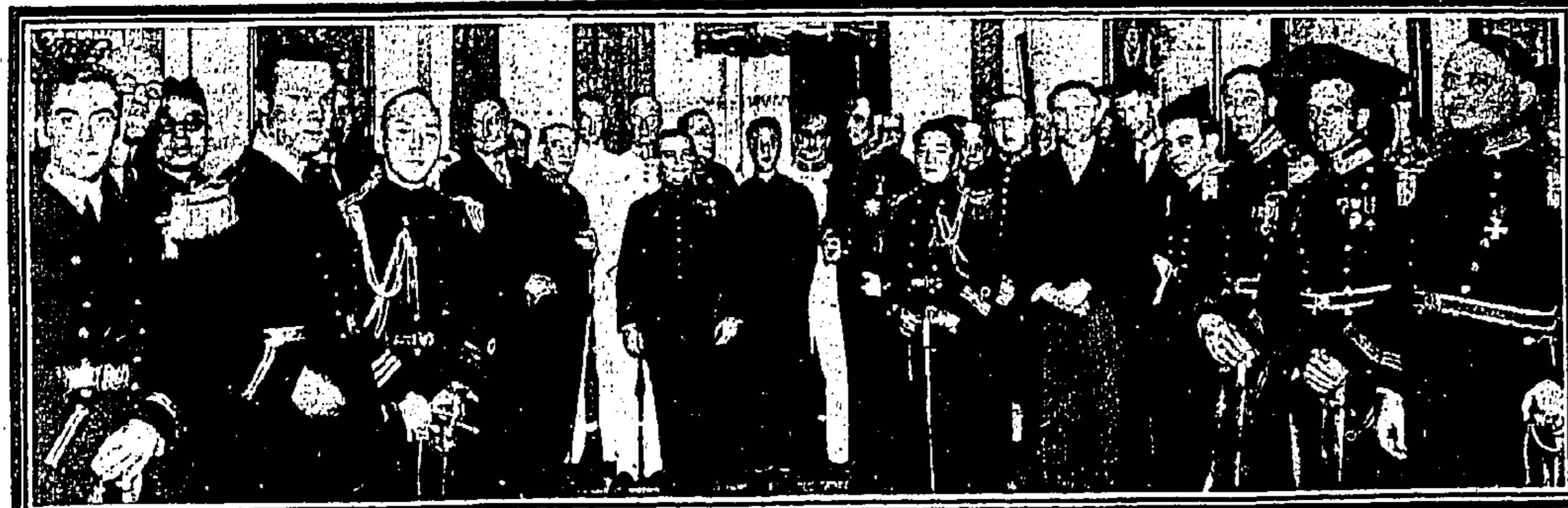
STAFF OF SHANGHAI ISOLATION HOSPITAL.—Seated in the centre: Miss E. Rice (Matron), on the right Miss M. Milne and on the left Miss E. L. Warren. The staff includes several Chinese nurses, introduced and trained originally by the former matron, Miss Murphy.



FRANCE'S GRAND OLD MAN.—Georges Clemenceau, war Premier of France, seems to withstand age's onslaughts successfully. Little difference in his appearance now and ten years ago is noticeable in this recent photo showing him congratulating the former Miss Jeanne Roseneau after her marriage to his grandson, Georges, seen in the middle.



GREAT PREPARATIONS FOR THEIR GUESTS.—An appetizing supper was put up at the dance given by the 12th Mechanical Transport Company of the Royal Army Service Corp, at Shanghai. Sergeant "Tubby" Streamer was responsible for an excellent menu.



RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC.—A reception to celebrate the seventeenth anniversary of the Portuguese Republic was given at the Portuguese Consulate General, Shanghai. The group shows the Consul-General, Mr. F. de P. Britto, with representatives of the Chinese authorities, consular body and S. M. C.



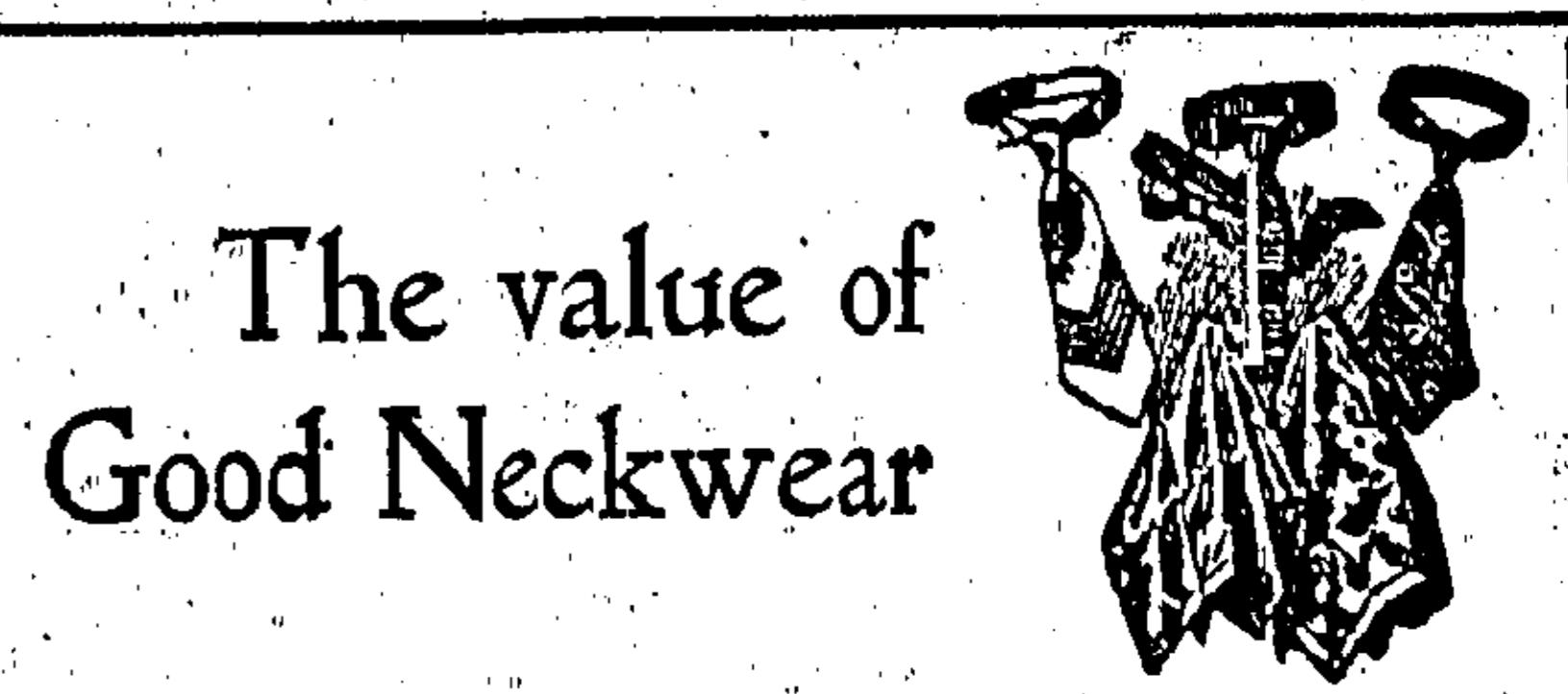
YORK MINSTER'S BIG BELL.—The scene outside the West Door of York Minster when a special service was held on the arrival back of "Big Peter," the largest bell in the Minster Peal. It has been re-cast, and now weighs slightly more than 11 tons. The bell is to be hung on ball bearings, so as to be easily rung. Previously 40 men failed to move "Big Peter," which was only rung by being struck with a hammer. (Times copyright).



ACROSS THE SEA.—The Hon. Martyn Andrew Hemphill, only son of Lord John Hemphill, of Dublin, and his bride, the former Emily Sears, of Boston, sail from New York on their honeymoon abroad. The Hon. Martyn Hemphill sailed from Ireland to New York where he married Miss Sears in St. Patrick's Cathedral.



PACIFIC FLIGHT.—Captain Jack von Weigand, German war ace, who claims to have led the flying squadron which shot down Quentin Roosevelt, photographed in Washington on route to the west coast to prepare for a trans-Pacific flight. Tokyo is the objective of his ambitious venture.



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By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary, Hongkong, 12th October, 1927.

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Lovers of dancing will have another opportunity of witnessing to-day at Lane Crawford's Restaurant Mile, de Couder and her partner in the modern ball-room dances.

SHANGHAI MILITARY COURT.

GARRISON COMMANDER ASKS
FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

Shanghai, Oct. 17.—Gen. Pei Chung-hai, Garrison Commander of Shanghai and Woosung, has sent a special dispatch to the Military Council, asking for instructions as to the disposal of the various criminals Bureau, now held in the prisons.

In the course of the dispatch, Gen. Pei submitted for consideration of the Military Council the views of the Chief Judge of the Military Court of his Headquarters, Mr. Chen Han-su, who expressed the opinion that the decisions rendered by the former Special Military Law Bureau should be upheld and set forth three reasons in support of his contention. Following is a resume of the arguments of Judge Chen, which is quoted in the special dispatch of Gen. Pei to the Military Council.

"For the sake of certainty of law, it is my humble opinion (Judge Chen's) that judgments of courts must not be altered or reversed, in spite of changes in administration. The former Special Military Law Bureau was directly under the Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army in Nanking, and therefore the legality and validity of the decisions rendered by the Bureau must be given recognition. Moreover, Military Law favours one-trial system; a case, once decided, must be considered settled and final, and no alteration should be permissible. For these reasons, the judgments of the various cases given by the Shanghai Office of the former Special Military Law Bureau cannot be declared null and void on the ground that the Bureau is now abolished.

"Secondly, according to a letter from Mr. Chen Chun, former Chief of the Shanghai Office of the Special Military Law Bureau, all decisions rendered by him had been filed with the former Generalissimo prior to the abolition of the Special Military Law Bureau. It is now beyond the power of the Garrison Commander of Shanghai and Woosung to interfere with them now, inasmuch as the cases have already been turned over to the former Nationalist Generalissimo's Headquarters, which is now incorporated into the Military Council.

170 People in Gaol.

"Thirdly, the actual disposition of the cases does not warrant any change of the judgments of the former Special Bureau. At present, there are in the 2nd Khangsu prison 170 criminals. Although many of the prisoners have pleaded innocence, it is undisputed that as many of them must have been actually guilty of the crimes charged with. If the Garrison Commander's Headquarters should permit a reversal of the former judgments and give new trials to the cases, the Headquarters may countenance such showers of release or leniency, which will surely place the Headquarters in the most embarrassing situation. Moreover, all the related documents and evidence having been either scattered or lost, it would be very difficult to handle the cases properly and to the satisfaction of all to do justice to the parties interested. Should the Headquarters commit any miscarriage of justice thereby, not only the judge in trial would be subject to suspicion, but serious injury may also be done to society, when arch-criminals should be allowed to escape from justice. Therefore, from the practical viewpoint, any alteration or change in the decisions rendered is hardly permissible.

"In order to facilitate the disposal of the cases, the Headquarters of the Garrison Commander would propose to give an immediate trial of the fourteen offenders who had not been tried, and render judgments respectively, but for the other 164, the Headquarters beg to refer to the Military Council for final disposal. If the Military Council should order release or new trial of any of the prisoners, the Headquarters would observe instructions accordingly."

OUR DAILY TALK ON
HEALTH.VITAMIN "A" IS FOE OF
KIDNEY STONES.

DIET MAY HELP.

One of the most painful and serious conditions that attacks mankind is the formation of stones in the kidneys. If the stones are small or if portions of larger stones break loose and begin to pass down the passages, they may cause blocking with serious symptoms and almost unbearable pain. Unfortunately, neither the cause nor the mechanism of the stones is as yet clearly understood. Apparently, mineral salts tend to deposit and form the stones. Under some conditions, if the body fluids become abnormal, the mineral constituents may clump together and form stones.

Occasionally bacteria form the central substance around which the mineral salts deposit in forming a stone.

Some years ago it was shown that animals fed on diets deficient in vitamin "A" tend to develop stones in the kidney and in the gallbladder.

A prominent physician asserted that if such animals are fed increasing amounts of cream, butter, cod-liver oil, and other food rich in vitamin "A," the stones tend to disappear.

The diagnosis of the presence of stones in the kidney may be made in some instances by the X-ray, since the stone is solid material.

BEAUTIFUL AT 103.

A CENTENARIAN'S SECRET.

New York.—Americans are receiving their latest instructions in beauty culture from a little old lady who is just three years past the century mark in age.

Madame Marie Charlotte Davenport, M.D., came to this country from Russia fifty years ago, and has been lecturing almost continuously since that time upon the subject of longevity and the eternal pursuit of beauty. At her latest appearances here she showed an unusual vivacity, and might have been taken for a woman several score years younger.

The dashing centenarian is firm in the belief that feminine beauty need not be sacrificed to home-making, and as proof of this she proudly mentions her eleven children, all of whom were carefully reared and educated before their mother went upon the lecture platform.

Dr. Davenport, who is the wife of an Englishman half her age, holds degrees of medicine from the Sorbonne in Paris as well as the University of Vienna. Her husband, who travels with her, is a former journalist, and is kept busy translating and preparing for publication the numerous articles which the aged beauty authority is called upon to contribute.



A girl is only as old as she feels—and admits.

RICKSHA DECLINING
IN JAPAN.THE OLD DAYS AND THE
NEW.The statement is made that there are now less than 200 ricksha pullers in the Japanese capital! The time was not so many years since when *kurumaya* lined the streets in thousands, and there might be as many as 200 or more allocated to a single rank.

Japan is certainly going ahead with the times, for the change is attributed to the competition of the taxicabs. The old prejudice, fostered, no doubt, by the ricksha proprietors, have disappeared, and the roadmaking and road improving plans of the authorities have made an opening for the western means of locomotion, which it has literally jumped at.

A further death blow to the ricksha is a ruling made by the Tokyo municipality that small taxis must carry passengers to any part of the city for one yen. No self-respecting ricksha puller would do it. His rate to tourists not long ago was as much per half-mile or less. He lay in wait for them, and "soaked" them as they came. In the old days he was content to run all day for this sum. Now, it seems, he has wanted so much he has driven himself off the road.

He was picturesque in his tights and a joy to the tripper, but he was a nuisance generally, and those who had to make frequent use of him will not regret his diversion to another calling.

DOLLS AS DIPLOMATS.

JAPANESE-AMERICAN GIFTS.

Tokyo, Oct. 20.—The "black-eyed dolls," which are to go to America, representing various Prefectures, in return for the courtesies of the "blue-eyed dolls," which American little girls presented to Japan some time ago, are now attending farewell meetings in their respective "native places." These dolls will assemble in Tokyo by the 25th of this month, and attend the final farewell meeting to be held on November 4 at the Japan Young Men's Association Hall in the Outer Garden of the Emperor Macrave Shrine, in the presence of Mr. Macrave, the U. S. Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr. Mizuno, the Minister of Education, and others.

The dolls are expected to leave for America early in November. 47 Those who sell silks, woollens, etc.

49 The burbot.

50 Prepare for publication.

51 Move side foremost.

52 Den.

53 Put in fresh pot.

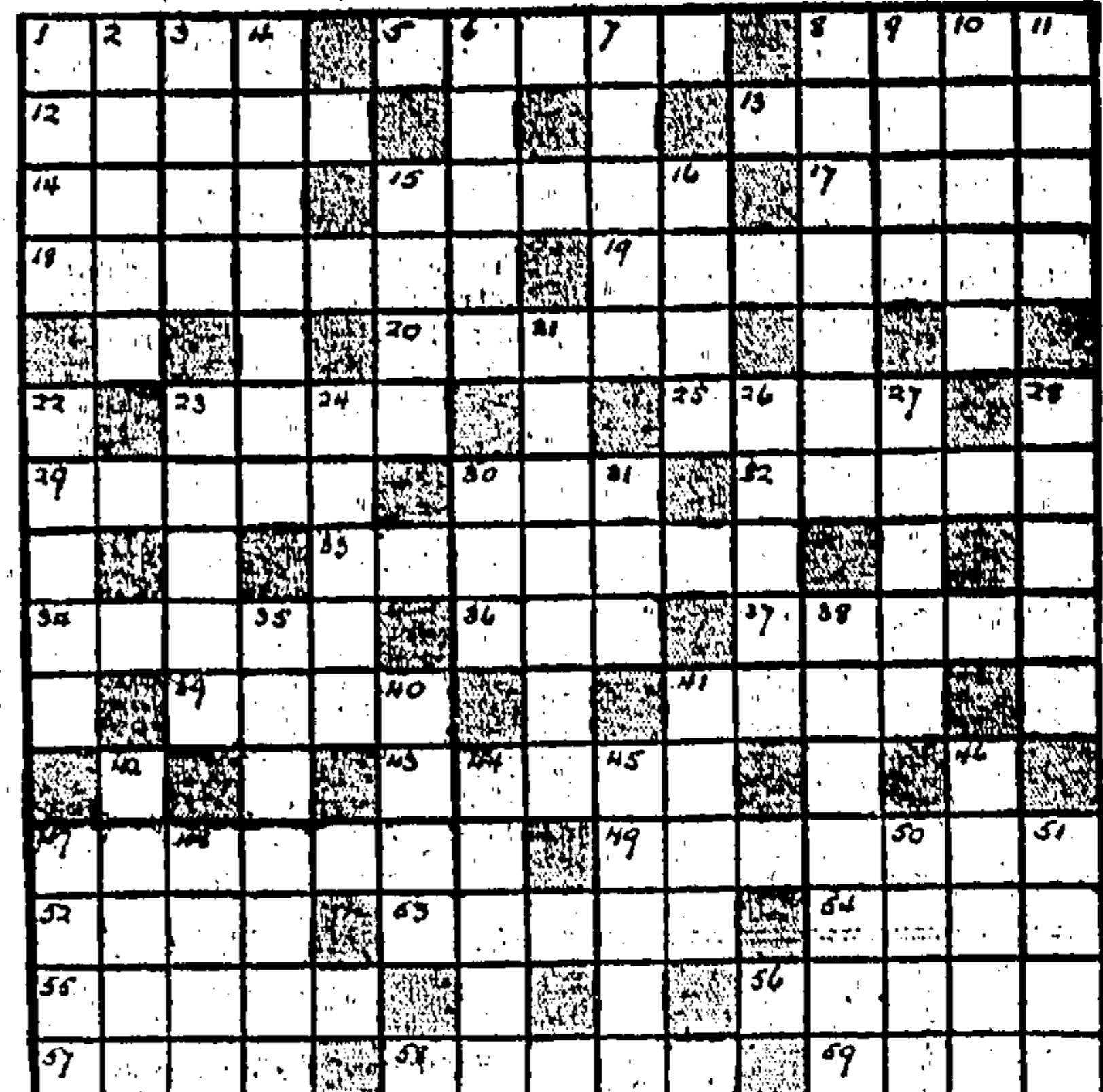
54 Part of an escutcheon.

55 Pitcher.

56 Believe in.

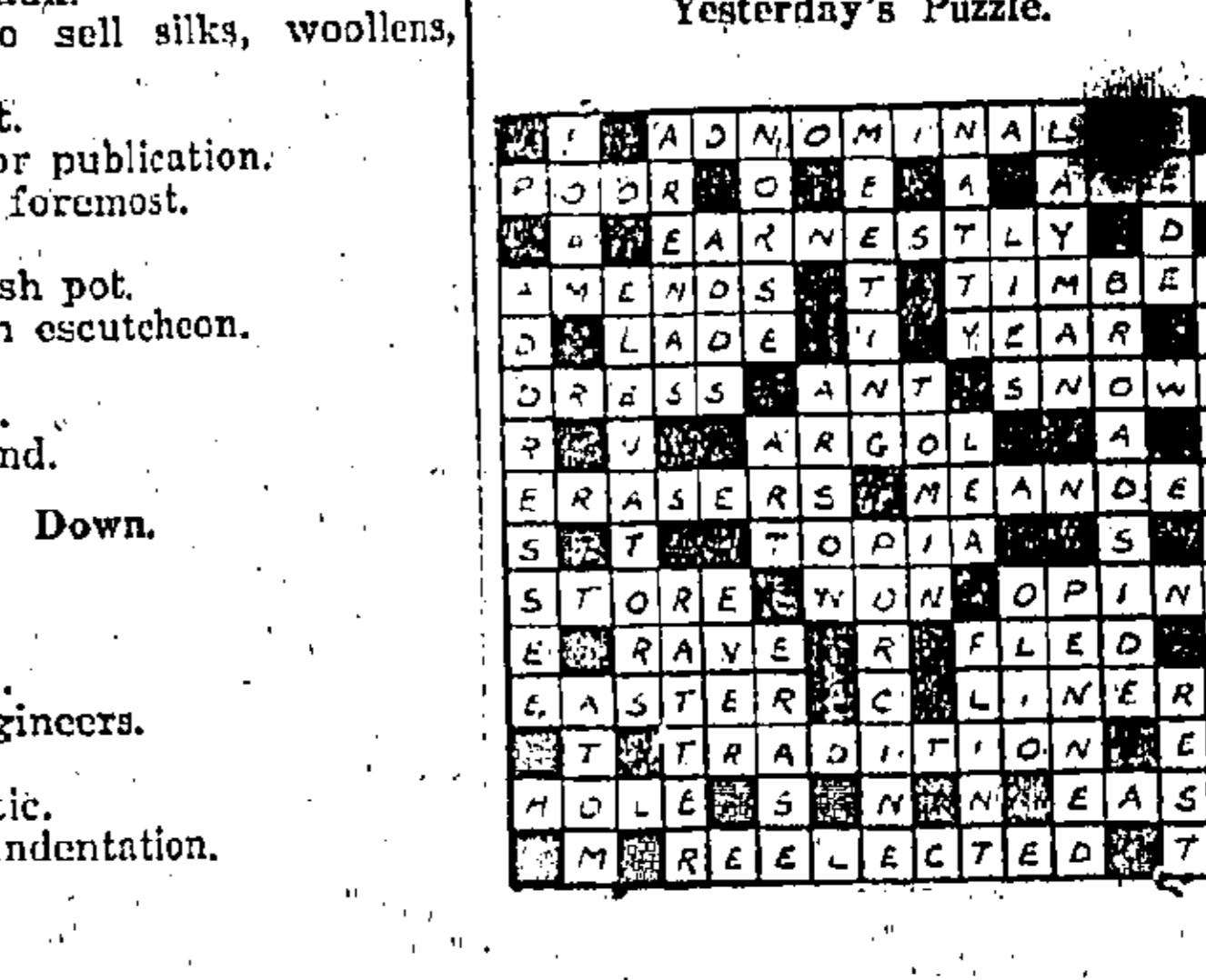
57 Let it stand.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- Vipers.
- Flower.
- Health resorts.
- Moist vapour.
- Measuring instrument.
- Retain.
- Follows day.
- Figure on an escutcheon.
- Sack containing 80 tons of wool.
- Office of an nobleman.
- Fruits.
- Famous Canadian Indian tribe.
- Porch.
- Fowls resting place.
- Linble.
- Elevated narrative poems.
- Untie.
- Freed from pain.
- Kindled.
- Extend in a particular direction.
- Perennial plant.
- Noise of a blow.
- The little auk.
- Those who sell silks, woollens, etc.
- The burbot.
- Prepare for publication.
- Move side foremost.
- Den.
- Put in fresh pot.
- Part of an escutcheon.
- Pitcher.
- Believe in.
- Let it stand.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER, 25, 1927.

A. DANGEROUS BILL.

The proposed Bill for the registration and regulation of watchmen in Hongkong (the draft of which was published on Saturday) bristles with so many difficulties and obvious dangers that we wonder the Government has had the temerity to bring it forward. At first sight, the object which it is desired to achieve is such a good one that there is the inevitable tendency to welcome the Bill as a step in the right direction. Watchmen in Hongkong are notoriously bad as a class, and many an employer of them would like some system devised whereby he could get real watchful service instead of the half-dazed incompetence he so often gets now. While realising the obvious shortcomings of so many of the present watchmen and while sympathising wholeheartedly with employers, we find ourselves unable to approve of the suggested Ordinance because of the many points of wrong principle it contains. In the first place we are told that as from 1917 the Captain Superintendent of Police has been supplying watchmen to private employers, and that of the 600 now supplied, 330 are ships' guards (due soon to be voluntarily instead of compulsorily employed) and 270 are employed on shore. The scheme has evidently been appreciated by employers. The police are in a better position than individual employers to select the best men, and the system has now grown to such an extent that it seems desirable to regulate it by Ordinance.

We would say, most definitely, that it is better to continue as at present than to regulate it by Ordinance because the system cannot be so regulated without creating legal anomalies and other difficulties. Among the many provisions to which exception can be taken is that which stipulates that no non-Chinese person shall act as a watchman unless he is registered by the Police and no person can employ any such unregistered watchman. This restriction is wholly at variance with a person's right to exercise free-will in the matter of securing or giving employment. One can also strongly object to the decree that no watchman shall act as a money lender or take part in the business of a money-lender or share in the profits of any such business for it ought not to be left to the Police to say in what manner any individual of this Colony may or may not employ his money—provided the manner is lawful. It may not be desirable for watchmen to waste so much time as they ap-

parently do now in looking after their money-lending interests, but that is a totally different matter to making them guilty of a punishable offence. Every registered watchman is apparently to be given the same powers of arrest as a police officer, and we can imagine no more dangerous procedure than to invest men such as Indian watchmen, unschooled in legalities, with the wide powers given to properly sworn-in and instructed policemen. Will the C. S. P. be responsible for an unlawful arrest by a registered watchman? If so, why not go the whole way and make them all policemen with special watching duties? If it is the intention to establish a subsidiary police force from which employers can engage men as watchmen at certain rates of hire, then the Ordinance should plainly provide so, and such men should be sworn in as policemen and made subject to full police discipline before they are given police powers. They should be paid by the Police and be definitely in the service of the Crown. The dangers of the proposed *quasi* status are manifold.

In the case of ship's guards the police are not going to have any disciplinary powers, but in the case of watchmen on shore the C. S. P. can fine watchmen for neglect of duty (on the report of an employer, presumably), or can order them to do defaulters' drills or remove them from the Watchmen's Register (thereby depriving a man of his living). Those powers are far too drastic for the C. S. P. to hold in the case of a non-police employee. It is suggested in the draft regulations that the employers of watchmen will pay the men's wages into the Treasury and that the Police will actually pay the men—a fact which does not, we imagine, destroy the relationship of employer and employee as between the principals concerned. For the police to act as go-between does not rob the watchman of his civilian rights, and as a civilian he ought to be free of the proposed powers of imposition and restriction which the C. S. P. will have over him. Employers of these watchmen will be able to report to the C. S. P. cases of negligence or misconduct and upon such a report the C. S. P. will have power to fine or impose other penalties. This is a wholly wrong procedure because it puts into the hands of irate, ill-tempered or vindictive employers the power to inflict what might be undeserved punishment. It should not be left to the questionable "impartiality" of employers in general to report to the police the alleged or real shortcomings of their employees, and for the police to have power to impose penalties.

Our view of the matter is that unless Indian watchmen (and that is the body aimed at) are definitely incorporated into the Police Force and dealt with in matters of discipline and education as policemen, it is wrong to give them police powers or the status of anything other than the private employees of their private employers. Let the police continue to supply them as at present if they will for that is a service well appreciated by many employers, but we warn the Government to guard against the many pitfalls and errors of the proposed Ordinance. We hope to see much public discussion of the measure before it is ever allowed to go on the statute book of the Colony.

Work for Unemployed.

There is something particularly gratifying in the report that as a result of the motor show which has just concluded at Olympia, there is to be work for about 30,000 unemployed in Britain. There is also the satisfaction of knowing that the British motor industry is to have full-time activity for the whole of next year, as a result of the orders booked at the show. Certain works will have to be extended to meet the demand thus set up. There are two important deductions to be drawn therefrom, the first being that the British product has established itself, not only at home, in the face of outside competition, but also abroad, and secondly, that business conditions generally, and it may be that the next twelve-months to see real prosperity return to the old country. The auguries are certainly favourable.

DAY BY DAY.

GREAT ABUNDANCE IN RICHES CAN NOT BE GATHERED AND KEPT BY ANY MAN WITHOUT SIN.—Erasmus.

The P. and O. s.s. Jeypore is due here from Singapore on Monday next.

The P. and O. s.s. Devanha from Hongkong, arrived in London on Sunday morning.

The Shanghai Municipality (Chinese) has issued an order abolishing the system of key money when renting a house.

Among the passengers arriving to-day by the s.s. President McKinley were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith and Mrs. Peter Tod.

A married woman, named Shik Mui, aged 43, committed suicide yesterday by hanging herself from a bar in her home at No. 9, Tung On Sau Street.

A workman at the Cement Works was injured through a fall from a ladder, yesterday. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mrs. Croft, living at No. 3A, Armond Buildings, Kowloon, has reported to the police the theft from her room of jewellery and a safety razor, valued altogether at \$70.

The s.s. Kudat of the Straits S. S. Company, after having been lengthened by an addition to the midship section, will leave Takao Dock to-morrow morning for trials.

There were three cases of enteric fever during the past week, one British imported and two Chinese. There was also one Chinese case of paratyphoid fever. Yesterday's health return gave no further cases of notifiable disease.

The Royal Observatory reports that the V-shaped depression has moved to the N. E. of Japan. The Chinese anti-cyclone is farther north this morning. Moderate incursion may be expected along the S. E. coast of China, and over the N. China Sea. The forecast locally is: N. E. winds, moderate; fine.

The Harbour Office Reports for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. this morning gave 14 arrivals and 13 departures of which seven and four respectively were British. Cargoes were generally poor, with British carrying the highest inward. There remained in harbour at 9 a.m. 66 vessels of which 20 were British.

Some of the Chinese papers at Shanghai last week published the following startling report: "According to news secured by the Labour Unions Unification Committee, the Chinese Communist party now is in financial difficulties as a result of its failure in Hankow. We learn that the party has received instructions from a certain nation that an organization to plan the abduction of wealthy persons in Shanghai should be established, in order to secure funds for the party."

Last week's police records at Shanghai showed reports of seven armed robberies, in which 41 men participated and secured altogether \$2,000 in money and property in one day. On their side, the police have arrested eight more men implicated in armed robberies, four of whom already have criminal records, and fifteen persons charged with other crimes, nine of whom previously have been in the hands of the police. Through the agency of the Fingerprint Department, the police were able to identify the body of a Chinese found in the Louisa district as that of a notorious old "laz."

at present in the motor industry especially, and this is reflected in the Olympia results. But it is a sign that business in general is better, and that a good deal of prosperity either exists or is anticipated. There has been much tendency to envisage a return of commercial prosperity recently. The absence of any big industrial disputes, or the threat thereof, the gradual recovery from the disastrous coal strike of just over a year ago, and the steady rapprochement which is being built up (despite handicaps) between the employers in Britain and their employees, are all tending to the ideal of a business revival. The first fruits of the motor show have been the assurance of work for nearly 100,000 men who at present are recipients of the dole. One good thing leads to another in commerce, and it may not be too optimistic to expect a revival in other branches of industry at home besides the motor works, next year. The eventual absorption of large numbers of unemployed spells better conditions generally, and it may be that the next twelve-months to see real prosperity return to the old country. The auguries are certainly favourable.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

ORDERS BY THE CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.

Commendations.

Constable R.21 Luk Pik Hing (Chinese Company) is commended by the C. S. P. for prompt action, upon information received, in securing the arrest on October 1st of one, Wong, Fat Wong, who was wanted for kidnapping in the Tai Shan district in 1924.

Crown Sergeant R.5 Wong Shiu Pun (Chinese Company) is commended by the C. S. P. for the intelligence displayed by him in dealing with a motor accident in Queen's Road Central on October 10th, and for his promptitude in conveying the two injured persons to hospital.

Constable R.333 B. C. Randall (Flying Squad) is commended by the C. S. P. for the prompt assistance rendered to the regular Police on October 4th, by conveying to hospital in his side-car a seriously injured workman who had fallen from the roof of a house on Caine Road, thus averting any delay in securing medical attention.

Training-Part 3 (Musketry).

The following Police Reservists will attend at the Kennedy Road Revolver Range in mufti on Saturday, October 29th, at 2.30 p.m. sharp for instruction in revolver shooting under Inspector H. J. Paterson:—

15 men to be detailed by O.C. Chinese Company.

15 men to be detailed by O.C. Indian Company.

5 men to be detailed by O.C. Flying Squad.

Police Training School.

Classes for Instruction in Part 2 of training course will be held at the Police Training School under Inspector H. J. Paterson on Thursday, October 27th, and Tuesday, November 1st, commencing both evenings at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Training-Part I (Squad Drill).

All members of the Police Reserve who have not yet been passed out as efficient in Part 1 will parade in mufti at the Central Police Station for Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises under Sergeant R. J. Hunt as follows:—

Chinese and Indian Companies on Thursday, October 27th, and Tuesday, November 1st.

Flying Squad on Wednesday, October 26th. Fall in on each evening at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Motor Cyclist Section (Flying Squad).

The following members of the Flying Squad have been passed out as efficient in Part 1:—

Constables R.306 S. B. Kitchell, R.318 Poon Wing Fook, R.321 T. A. Barry, R.326 Li Iu Sang, R.328 Henry Kew, R.331 A. E. Greenway, R.333 B. C. Randall, R.334 J. Carr.

The following members of the Flying Squad have passed their examination in Part 2 of Training Course (knowledge of Police duties and Regulations):—L. Sergts. R.301 Choa Hing Kee, R.310 P. O. Peuster, Constables R.326 Li Iu Sang, R.327 Look King, R.333 B. C. Randall, R.335 H. A. Wittenbach.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong section on Thursday, October 27th, will start from Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp.

(Sgt.) F. C. MOW FUNG, A.S.P. (R.) Acting Adjutant.

Hongkong October 25, 1927.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Oct. 24.
Paris	124.05
Brussels	34.99
Amsterdam	12.10%
Berlin	20.40
Copenhagen	18.17
Vienna	34.62
Helsingfors	19.3%
Lisbon	2.7/10
Bucharest	.785
Buenos Aires	.475
Shanghai	2/6/2
Yokohama	1/10%
New York	.487
Milan	25.25
Stockholm	18.08
Oslo	18.49
Prague	16.43
Madrid	23.31%
Athens	367.4
Rio	5.59/64
Bombay	15.15/16
Hongkong	1/11%
Silver (spot)	25.3/16
Silver (forward)	25%
	<i>British Wireless.</i>

The Very Idea!

Well-Meaning Old Lady—
"Thank you so much for your song, my dear. It took me back to my childhood days on my father's farm. When I shut my eyes and listened to your singing, I seemed to hear the old gate creaking in the wind."

Many curios in the possession of museums have been associated with some time or other with superstitious beliefs. An anonymous donor of a medal forwarded to the Queenland Museum recently signed himself. "A superstitious digger." He writes that he "Souvenired" the medal from a prisoner of war in 1918, and nothing but bad luck had been his lot since. "I do not suppose the hoodoo will follow it to the museum," he added naively. The director (Mr. H. A. Longman) says that the medal, which is in the form of a Maltese Cross, is an interesting one, and is not connected with the late war, being more than 70 years old. "I do not anticipate any bad luck," he said, commenting on the supposed hoodoo. "Museum people are not in any way superstitions."

Judge, I desire to be excused from jury service." "Why?" asked the court. "Because I can only hear with one ear." "Oh, you do," said the Judge, "we only hear one side of a case at a time."

Magistrate at Tottenham to boy: Are you a messenger?—Boy: No. Magistrate: Then are you an errand boy?—Yes.

Man at Aberdeen, charged with being drunk and incapable, was said to have had on him two bottles smelling of methylated spirits. Man: They were for external use only.

This story is being told of a London judge who like music.

He was the guest of a box-holder at a musical play, but his hostess maintained an even flow of chatter all through the piece.

At the end, she cordially invited him to join her party at the opening performance at Covent Garden this season.

"With pleasure," said he, "I would like to hear, you in grand opera."

Jazz should be denounced and made taboo among the white races.

—Sir Henry Coward.

Oratory and eloquence do not go very far nowadays.—Mr. William Archibald.

London is the worst offender in the matter of Sunday trading.

Women are braver than men about facing the real facts about success and failure.—Mrs. Oliver Eastman.

Many curious inventions which have formed the subject of recent application to the Patent Office were described by an official to a Press representative who called there. According to the official, inventive minds are on the increase. One of the most remarkable inventions, the creation of two Germans, is a flying machine with flapping gasfilled wings.

Another German idea, it is claimed, will prevent or remove wrinkles or pockers at the side of the mouth and nose, and thus beautify the face.

A process for extracting gold from sea water has been submitted by a Czechoslovakian.

Other applications for patents include:—

A toy bomb, provided with an explosive charge and fuse for discharging paper streamers;

A mechanical violin.

A translucent cinematograph projection screen.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

CLOSING SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

RELIGION AND POLITICS.

The fifth annual meeting of the National Christian Council closed at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, October 20th. During the day Dr. H. T. Hodgkin summarized the chief emphases of the thinking of the meeting. "The Christian message," he said, "is Jesus Christ Himself." Personal contacts between pupils and teachers are the most important factors in religious education, to which topic considerable attention had also been given. The future relation of the older churches of the West and the younger churches of China should be one of "free co-operation." Finally, in relation to industrial and economic problems, he felt that the chief emphasis of the Council had been on taking Christ seriously in his relation to the common life. This was summed up in the main emphases of the meeting.

The early part of the morning session was given to a report outlining the task of the Christian Church in China along industrial and economic lines. The Council plans to pay special attention to the needs of farmers and labourers through various educational, agricultural and industrial experiments. It was felt that the Christian Church in the West must contribute to the solution of China's industrial revolution as this is in no small measure due to Western influence. All Western Christians were urged to give their employes the benefits of the best industrial standards known in the West. Chinese Christians were urged to take up some specific problem like that of apprentices or domestic servants and endeavour to solve them in a Christian way. Reference was made also to international investments in China. These, it was felt, could be of benefit to all concerned if kept free, as they could easily be, from any suggestion of political aggression. This report, in short, dealt with the problem of relating religion to life as whole and endeavoured to show how Christians could offset present materialistic tendencies by infusing society with spiritual ideals.

Routine Business.

Much of the day was taken up with routine business. The financial account for the past year and the budget for the succeeding year were presented and passed. The financial report showed that generous support of the Council is coming from a good many boards and individual Christians. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Chairman: Dr. David Z. T. Yui.
Vice-chairman: Rev. Andrew Weir, Rev. T. C. Bau.

Treasurer: Rev. H. C. Tsao.

Dr. Yui earnestly requested to be relieved from the chairmanship, but after considerable discussion the whole conference with unanimous enthusiasm urged Dr. Yui to continue in office.

The following committees were appointed to carry on the work of the ensuing year: (1) on Christianizing Rural Life; (2) on the Church in Worship and Religious Education; (3) on Church and Mission; (4) on Christianizing Economic Relations; (5) on Christianizing International Relations; (6) on Evangelism and Retreats; (7) on the Anti-Narcotic Campaign; (8) on Christianizing the Home; and (9) on the Reorganization of the National Christian Council. This last committee was asked to meet right after the closing of the general meeting with a view to pushing forward the matter of reorganizing the Council.

Dr. Cheng's Address.

The meeting was brought to a close by a special address by Dr. C. Y. Cheng, the General Secretary of the Council. He indicated some of the significant results of the present meeting. He felt, in the first place, that the meeting had revealed the direction in which the Chinese Church is moving in its attempt to express its own religious experience. In the second place, he showed that Christianity can and should permeate the political life of China with the principles of Jesus. "This," he said, "is one important Christian obligation to the people of China." In the third place, he showed that the ethical emphasis of Christianity make a strong and special appeal to the Chinese people because they come into close contact with their own ethical experience and ideals. Here is a common ground on which East and West may mingle and work together. In the fourth place, he meetings of the Council on the necessity of achieving Christian unity which, while it might not

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEAD SEA.

OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PALESTINE.

SHANGHAI MOTOR THEFTS.

MISSING ACCESSORIES RECOVERED.

PAWNSHOP OWNER VICTIMISED.

BANGLES THAT WERE NOT GOLD.

SUPPLEMENTARY VOTES.

EXPENDITURE ON THE DEFENCE CORPS.

London, Oct. 24. Considerable interest has been aroused by a report that a British syndicate has been granted a concession for reclaiming the mineral resources of the Dead Sea. It is, however, denied by Sir Alfred Mond that the syndicate in question is the chemical combine known as the Imperial Chemical Industries, of which Sir Alfred Mond is chairman. Sir Alfred says, "I have" regarded the reclamation as a highly interesting proposition. The concession has been granted to a British syndicate at head of which is an engineer who has done an immense amount of exploratory work. Negotiations for the concession have been going on with the Colonial Office for five years, and now that some definite step has been taken, I am prepared to explore the situation and form some opinion concerning its ultimate commercial value, if terms of a satisfactory nature can be arranged. If the scheme becomes a considerable commercial proposition, it would be undoubtedly beneficial to the development of Palestine, partly by creating on the spot an agricultural fertiliser of importance. It was felt that the Christian Church in the West must contribute to the solution of China's industrial revolution as this is in no small measure due to Western influence. All Western Christians were urged to give their employes the benefits of the best industrial standards known in the West. Chinese Christians were urged to take up some specific problem like that of apprentices or domestic servants and endeavour to solve them in a Christian way. Reference was made also to international investments in China. These, it was felt, could be of benefit to all concerned if kept free, as they could easily be, from any suggestion of political aggression. This report, in short, dealt with the problem of relating religion to life as whole and endeavoured to show how Christians could offset present materialistic tendencies by infusing society with spiritual ideals.

Routine Business.

SOVIET'S BAN.

ON TROTSKY AND ZINOVIEV.

Moscow, Oct. 24.

Trotsky and Zinoviev have been expelled from the Central Committee of the Communist Party. —*Reuter*.

"Factional Activities."

Later.

The decision to expel the Opposition leaders was announced in a communiqué following a joint plenary sitting of the Central Committee and the Central Controlling Commission of the Communist Party.

The decision was reached after a report had been presented on the "factional activities" of the Opposition leaders during the past two months. —*Reuter*.

IN THE HANDS OF THE MOORS.

FRENCH PARTY WELL TREATED.

Rabat, Oct. 24.

An envoy has ascertained the whereabouts of the four kidnapped persons, two ladies and two men who it is said are being well-treated. They have asked for clothes which have been sent to them. —*Reuter*.

A Paris message of October 23 stated that four members of a hunting party, M. Yves Steer, who is a nephew of the Resident-General, M. Jean Maillet and two ladies, had been kidnapped by Moorish tribesmen, and were being held as war hostages.

ASIA AND THE LEAGUE.

SEPARATE BODY WANTED.

Manila, Oct. 14.

In the course of an interview with representatives of the local Press, the Chinese Consul-General, Mr. Lingoh Wong, prophesies the formation of a "Pan-Asiatic League" analogous to the League of Nations, and functioning similarly.

Mr. Wong considers that the League of Nations has not given satisfaction to the aspirations of Asiatic peoples. —*Indo-pacific*.

JAPANESE IMPERIAL ECONOMY.

HOUSEHOLD BUDGET REDUCED.

Tokyo, Oct. 13.

By order of the Emperor, the Imperial Household budget has been reduced from its present total of 20 million yen, to 5 millions. —*Indo-pacific*.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day. Arasura, Mongolia, Namsang, D'Artagnan, Tonkin, Seistan, President Taft, President Van Buren, Suiyang, Menado Maru, Times Maru, Fukukai Maru, Seanghee, Coblenz Cremor, Tjikini, Glenluc, Atlantic Tjikarang, Hirundo, Hiram, Foo-sang and Lisbon Maru.

MACAO NOTES.

(Our Own Correspondent)

Macao, Oct. 24. Great interest centres in the arrival of the Portuguese transport "Pero de Alencar." This vessel which left Portugal in January last has been engaged in conveying troops between the Portuguese Colonies. Not long ago she sailed to Timor and from Macao proceeds to Lorenzo Marques en route to Portugal. The ship brings to Macao troops to replace those whose term of service has expired. The vessel also brings government equipment and supplies for the Aviation Corps established in Macao.

Musketry Competition.

On Saturday took place at Taipa, a musketry competition before a large crowd of spectators. H. E. The Governor of Macao honoured the occasion with his presence and distributed the prizes to the successful competitors. Special launches were run and every facility was provided to attract visitors to Taipa which is one of the dependences of Macao. The Constabulary Band played a fine programme of music which was much appreciated by the public.

Football Match.

The football match between teams representing the Association Desportiva Macanese and South China, played on Sunday, attracted quite a large crowd of spectators to the Mong-ha recreation ground. Two of the A.D.M.'s best players were unable to take part in the match but, in spite of this, the team offered very stout defiance during the course of a good game. The weather was ideal, South China defeated A.D.M. by 3 goals to 2. I understand that another friendly competition will be arranged between the teams of South China and A. D. M. but the date has not yet been fixed.

ADMISSIONS OF GANG.

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GREYHOUNDS FOR CHINA.

KENNEL BOYS BEING BROUGHT OUT.

SOME FOR HONGKONG.

London, Oct. 24.

The Greyhound-Racing Association's 1927 season, which has been attracting enormous gatherings at the two London centres, has concluded.

Several greyhounds are undergoing training before shipment to China for greyhound coursing.

Captain Jones, assistant to the Harringay racing manager, is going to China to assist in the organisation of the sport, and will take a number of kennel lads from Harringay.—*Reuter*.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

THE LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

The tables in the Hongkong Football League, including all matches played to date, are given below. In the Junior "B" have been cancelled and the points may later be awarded by the Management Committee to the non-defaulting clubs.

Senior Division.

	P. W. D.	L. F. A. Pts.
Chinese Ath.	4	0 0 16 1 8
Scots Guards	4	3 1 0 8 0 7
Recreio	3	2 1 0 5 2 5
R. Artillery	3	2 0 1 8 4 4
Queen's	3	2 0 1 8 5 4
K.O.S.B.	2	1 0 4 0 3
Police	6	1 4 3 8 3
South China	5	1 3 3 15 3
H.K.F.C.	4	0 3 5 14 2
Kowloon	4	0 3 3 10 2
R.A.F.	4	0 1 3 2 6 1

Junior Division "A".

	P. W. D.	L. F. A. Pts.
K.O.S.B.	4	0 0 23 1 8
Chinese Ath.	4	3 0 1 11 2 6
Recreio	4	2 0 2 9 8 4
St. Joseph's	4	1 2 1 5 10 4
S. China "B"	4	1 2 1 2 5 4
S. China "A"	4	1 1 1 4 5 3
University	3	1 1 1 2 3 3
Kowloon	4	1 0 3 7 11 2
Club Res.	4	1 0 3 2 9 2
S. China "A"	4	1 0 3 14 2

Junior Division "B".

	P. W. D.	L. F. A. Pts.
St. Joseph's	3	2 1 0 13 7 5
Kung Wan	3	2 0 1 13 5 4
S. China "B"	3	2 0 1 4 6 4
Chinese Ath.	2	1 1 0 7 5 3
Boy Scouts	3	1 0 2 8 6 2
Moslems	1	0 1 3 4 0 0
Kowloon	2	0 2 0 14 0

To-Morrow's Fixtures.

Two Senior League fixtures are down for decision to-morrow, the important one being the meeting at Sookunpoo of the Scots Guards and K.O.S.B. Neither side has conceded a goal in league football this season though both have participated in drawn games.

Mr. Baldwin will have an exceedingly keen game to control. The Borderers will be generally favoured.

The other game is between the R.A.F. and the Royal Artillery at the U.S.R.C. ground, Chatham Road, and on recent performances the R.A.F. should gain their first victory of the season. In turn the R.A.F. have met Chinese Athletic, Scots Guards, Club de Recreio and the Queen's Regiment, four of the strongest teams in the Senior Division. The R.A.F. went down on Saturday to the H.K.F.C. Mr. Phillips has charge of the match, which, as the Sookunpoo game, kicks-off at 4.30 p.m.

ENGLISH LADIES' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

VICTORY OF MISS EDITH LEITCH.

London, Oct. 7.

Harrogate.—In the final of the English Ladies' Close Golf Championship over 36 holes, Mrs. Gudalla (formerly Miss Edith Leitch), of Walton Heath, beat Miss Enid Wilson (Notts), by one up.

Owing to the frequency of armed robbery in Chinese territory, the three Chinese chambers of commerce have requested the Kiangsu provincial treasurer to authorise the expenditure of \$48,000 on the purchase of firearms for the Nantao and Chapei police.

BOXING OPENS.

FIRST TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY.

PERCY LAKE MEETS NIXON.

[By "Wanderer"]

After much doubt associated with the availability of the City Hall, the first boxing tournament of the 1927-28 season is to be held on Saturday, an excellent all-round programme having been arranged by the Hongkong Boxing Association.

Although he is meeting Percy Lake for the lightweight championship of the Colony, Pte. Nixon, of the 38th M. T. Co., will on Saturday make his final as well as his initial bow to the Hongkong public, as his Company leaves for Home on the following day. It is rather unfortunate for boxing in Hongkong as Nixon is a man of excellent reputation and at Home was a regular performer at the Ring.

He will need to fight well on Saturday to defeat Stoker Percy Lake, the brother of the more famous "Bugler" Lake, who is one of the cleverest boxers in the China Squadron. Nixon, however, is greatly favoured in some quarters, and though he is perhaps a trifle on the slow side compared with his opponent, he has a remarkable punch for a lightweight and may easily wear Lake down.

Feather In Action.

The next important fight is that between Stoker Britt, who is not new to the Hongkong ring, and Stoker Hingworth of H.M. Submarine L.A. Hingworth did great things in Ceylon in the feather-weight class, and his ten-round contest with Britt is expected to prove the liveliest of the evening.

Pte. Huff, lightweight champion of the Rhine Army, is engaged against Pte. Hume, of the K.O.S.B. Hume has managed to win the majority of his fights without at any time being particularly impressive, but he is a strong fighter, who has been improving from a scientific standpoint, and Huff will find him a difficult man to defeat.

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Carlo Frame, also of the K.O.S.B., will appear for the first time under the H.K.B.A. auspices, his opponent being L. S. Wilson, of the Ambrose. Frame is something of a "dark-horse," but from all accounts he appears to be in possession of an effective sleeping draught in either hand. The men will fight at the middleweight limit.

A light-heavyweight contest between Piper Smith, K.O.S.B., and Cpl. George, Scots Guards, and a welterweight contest between Sers. Lamont and Stoker, Sharples, complete the programme.

The "fare" is well-balanced, and boxing fans may anticipate a lively evening's entertainment.

CRICKET.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club "A" team in their League match against the Chinese Recreation Club on Saturday, October 29, on the C.R.C. Ground:

J. S. Ackbar, F. M. el Arsalji, S. A. Currie, T. Hamet, S. A. R. Jamail, S. H. Ismail (captain), A. H. Madar, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, A. H. Rumjahn, A. S. Sulfad.

ANOTHER CHESS DRAW.

ORTHOODOX MOVES.

Buenos Aires, Oct. 24.

In the world's chess championship, the nineteenth game between Capablanca and Alekhine has been drawn, after 21 moves, played in the most orthodox manner.—*Reuter*.

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OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, October 29th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on October 29th:

DIVISION I.

Leicester v. Cardiff

Sheffield U. v. Birmingham

Aston Villa v. Newcastle

DIVISION II.

Notts. F. v. Grimsby

Fulham v. West Brom.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Coventry v. Bournemouth

Newport v. Brentford

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Doncaster v. Durham

Lincoln C. v. Nelson

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Bo'ness v. Cowdenbeath

Motherwell v. Airdrie

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Mark your envelope "Football" on the front and write your name (without address) on the back of the envelope.

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, copy the list of your forecasts. Compare this later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

TRAM SERVICE FOR HARBIN.

GERMAN FIRM INAUGURATES LIGHT AND POWER.

Harbin, Oct. 11.

Some seven years ago a concession was taken from the Municipal Council by a number of Chinese merchants for the purpose of opening a tramway service in Harbin. The first contractors failed after having started the erection of a power station at Modiaogu and another on the Pristan. Then an American firm agreed to take the contract and for nearly a year Mr. Beardsley, of the contracting firm, resided in Harbin, but again there was a hitch and the work did not proceed.

In 1925 the Harbin Municipal was taken over from the Russians by the Chinese and the latter decided to take strong measures to have the tramway built. A new agreement was made with the concessionaires and the Kirin Governor taking great interest in the matter, funds were found and the contract for construction was given to the German firm of Siemens, Schuckert. In the spring of last year this firm began to work and Mr. Li Tye-shen became president of the Harbin Electric Light and Tramway Company and put all his energy into the business. All through the past summer, work has been pushed along and the result is that to-day Harbin at last has a tram service. Yesterday, the company invited some 300 guests to be present at the opening ceremony.

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HANKOW'S PROTEST.

SESSION ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE.

protests of British Residents in Hankow against the striction of the Concession the Chen-O'Malley' agreement were voiced at the recent meeting when virtually British resident in Hankow present. Resolutions published a day or two ago, were and they will be forwarded to the Government for signature. The present situation in Hankow was made clear speeches by those who called meeting and the suggestion made that residents should themselves join an association to carry on the work started.

Chairman, Mr. Peacock Firstly, I would impress you that we are here to discuss the actual working of this as it affects our private business interests only and we here to discuss the policy of the Government on the actualization of the Chen-O'Malley agreement whatever individual is we may hold. But H. M. O'Malley having been promulgated the agreement made, we entitled to demand that the of that contract be observed, there is a not unnatural feeling that Hankow has been used as a experiment for the rendering of all other concessions in and that we are nobody's. We have patiently given experiment months of trial patiently; it is considered in quarters and the three Councillors have loyalty to carry out its terms, but the result has been that we are faced with the prospect of the machinery collapsing.

I. G. has definitely refused to re-occupy the concession, but to carry on it is necessary and therefore no longer be inaptate to make our position clearly to our authorities.

Activities of Soldiers.

example I would instance the Light and Power Co., Ltd., supplies the area with electricity. Military officers and men of all sorts have occupied premises of good repair connected with the mains they have had to use the current, have to pay for it and have thereby force any attempt to disrupt the supply.

The Central China Post.

Central China Post has been constant victim of political strife. Its general policy does not favour with the Comitee leaders, and in consequence they have had one strike in 2 months duration and another in progress now. It is all question that 80 per cent of their employees have no strike but are intimidated by communist Union officials, their also is picketed by Unionists who forcibly prevent any strike entering.

The Result.

I think it is particularly necessary to point out to H. M. G. that it is only too apparent that the concessions given and the substation effected by the Chen-O'Malley Agreement instead of having the anticipated effect of ameliorating conditions and relations have merely served to create in the Chinese mind an impression that they are entirely at liberty to practice all the iniquities they choose without probability of interference.

LAWN TENNIS.

LADIES' OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

LOCAL CRICKET.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER R.C. V. VARSITY "B."

The following are the results of matches played in the Ladies' R. C. tournament:

Ladies' Open Championship Singles (2nd Round): Mrs. Grigor beat Mrs. Hall 6-3, 6-3; Mrs. Cook beat Miss Assumpeno 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; Miss E. Lo beat Miss Elaby 6-0, 6-0; Miss Lo beat Mrs. Stark 6-3, 6-1; Mrs. Miles beat Mrs. Lambert 6-1, 6-0; Mrs. Sayer beat Miss Carrathers 6-3, 6-2; Mrs. Grimes beat Mrs. A. Castro 6-0, 6-1; Mrs. Gull beat Mrs. Millard 6-1, 6-2; (3rd Round): Mrs. Grigor beat Mrs. Cook 6-1, 6-2; Miss Lo beat Miss To 6-3, 6-2; Mrs. Miles beat Mrs. Sayer 6-1, 6-0; Mrs. Grimes beat Mrs. Gull 6-1, 6-1.

Ladies' Doubles Handicaps (Semifinals): Miss Carrathers and Miss Ellaby (scr.) beat Mrs. Russell Brown and Mrs. Lynch (2-6); Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Tottenham (3-0) beat Mrs. Stark and Mrs. James (1-5).

Mixed Doubles Handicap (2nd Round): G. Grigor and Mrs. Grigor (scr.) beat T. Lanyon and Miss Carrathers (scr.); C. Grove and Mrs. Grove (1-6) beat C. P. James and Mrs. James (scr.); H. E. Remington and Mrs. Remington (scr.) beat T. A. Martin and Mrs. Martin (4-6).

Mixed Doubles Club Championship (1st Round): L. M. S. Lloyd and Mrs. Miles beat C. Grove and Mrs. Lynch; R. E. Tottenham and Mrs. Tottenham beat W. A. Nowers and Mrs. Cook.

Ladies' Club Singles (1st Round): Mrs. Cook beat Mrs. Stark; Mrs. Miles beat Mrs. James; Mrs. Hall beat Miss Ellaby.

Men's Singles (2nd Round): C. Jones, Brown beat J. W. Norrie; G. H. Bond beat G. T. Pilgrim; Rev. Alexander beat T. Lanyon; Major W. B. Stevenson beat Major C. Willson; C. Grove beat R. M. Henderson; R. E. Tottenham beat A. H. Crook.

now refund in depreciated currency.

Administration Changes.

Those matters contribute to the present parlous state of the Administration, and in addition much municipal property (which is security for the Debentures) is occupied by soldiers, without any license and is being very rapidly despoiled by them.

Turning to the Administration itself—there have been no less than 5 changes of Directors in the space of 7 months and changes of the entire subsidiary personnel, making, as it must do, for irregular and inefficient administration.

In this connexion, it should be emphasized that by virtue of the fact that the Director sits on the Council and thus constitutes a permanent Chinese majority the Administration has been controlled as a complete autocracy and the Council itself has not functioned as a real controlling factor at all.

The director in point of fact sits in the Council and constitutes a permanent Chinese majority. The result has been that the director has had absolute autocratic control. Speaking from my own personal experience I have received correspondence saying "I will permit this," "I will not allow that" without any suggestion of a reference to the Council. I think any member of the Council will confirm my statement in this respect.

The Ragtag and Bobtail.

The director of course could always enforce his programme whether it was tasteful or distasteful to members of the Council. That is covered in the second resolution together with the fact that by the present Chen-O'Malley Agreement the director is the man who enforces the staff.

In seven months we have had five changes of director and every time the director changes, the staff changes. The second part of the resolution asks that the staff shall be subject only to the discipline of that Council. (Applause.)

The third resolution asks that the police and other officers under the control of the Council here should be free to exercise their functions apart from the various ragtag and bobtail of military flowing into the concession, and if they are not that His Majesty's Government should be prepared to land forces from time to time to see that this is effected and to give us proper protection (applause). These are the three resolutions which we put to you and suggest that we put to the Government as resolutions of this meeting.

Council Constitution.

The fourth resolution is not one essential for the Government but it is germane to the subject and we make it as a recommendation to the ratepayers. Whether a trained foreign staff is engaged on the Council or not is entirely for the ratepayers to decide. There is nothing in the Chen-O'Malley Agreement to stop it and there is everything in the ratepayers' hands. They can say "You can have money provided we have a competent staff on the Council, and we will provide money only for a trained permanent staff."

We have placed this on the agenda as it is bound up with the same question of municipal administration here.

It is very necessary for you to keep two things apart; one is the Chen-O'Malley Agreement, with its municipal significance, and the other the protection of British subjects. It is wrong to assume that the Chen-O'Malley Agreement by itself precluded the Government from the

K.O.S.B. SPORTS.

KEEN COMPETITION AT SOOKUNPOO GROUNDS.

The Regimental sports of the second battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers were held at the Sookunpo ground yesterday and proved to be a very successful affair. The soldiers put up some very creditable performances during the afternoon and the one remarkable feature of the whole meeting was the enthusiasm shown by all the competitors. Seldom did anyone retire from a race, no matter how remote his chances of success. There were some very close finishes.

In the One Mile Race, Private Cranston led all the way and won in 5 minutes 2/5 seconds. In the High Jump L/C Kidd won with a jump of 5 feet 2 inches. The winner of the One Mile Race open to Indians completed the distance in the excellent time of 4 minutes 47 seconds.

Points were awarded to the different Companies for wins recorded by their members. The Aggregate shield resulted in a win for the "B" Company who scored 363 points. H.Q. 2 was second with 46 points and "C" Company scored only half a point less. "A" Company returned 41 points, "D" 24 and H.Q. 1 only managed 17½.

At the conclusion of the sports Lt. Colonel L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. said that the afternoon had been a success and thanked the committee for the work they had put in towards making the sport so enjoyable.

The prizes were then given away by Mrs. Comyn.

The results are:

100 Yards relay: 1. "B" Company, 2. "C" Company, 3. "A" Company, Throwing the discus: 1. "C" Company, 2. "B" Company, 3. "H. Q. 2.

400 Yards relay: 1. "B" Company, 2. "C" Company, 3. "H. Q. 2.

880 yards relay: 1. H. Q. 2, 2. "C" Company, 3. "B" Company.

High Jump: 1. "B" Company, 2. "C" Company, 3. H. Q. 2.

Open Mile (Indians): 1. Sant Ram, 2. Gurin Ram, 3. Bhagat Singh. Time 4 mins 57 secs.

220 yards relay: 1. "B" Company, 2. "C" Company, 3. H. Q. 2.

120 Yards hurdles: 1. "B" Company, 2. "H. Q. 2" (Deadheat) 3. "D" Company.

Putting the shot: 1. "B" Company, 2. "H. Q. 2, 3. "A" Company.

One Mile Team Race: 1. H. Q. 2, 2. "A" Company, 3. "B" Company.

Pole Jump: 1. "C" Company and "B" Company (Dead heat) 3. H. Q. 2.

440 yards relay: 1. "B" Company, 2. "A" Company, 3. "C" Company.

Three miles race: 1. H. Q. 2, 2. "C" Company, 3. "B" Company.

Hand Race: 1. Bismarck Cleverly, 2. Bismarck Willis, 3. Bismarck Batter.

Open Relay: 1. R. A. M. C., 2. Scott Guards, 3. 15 L. B. R. G. A.

Throwing the hammer: 1. "C" Company, 2. "B" Company, 3. "A" Company.

Long Jump: 1. "B" Company, 2. "A" Company, 3. "C" Company.

Inter-Company Relay: 1. "A" Company, 2. "B" Company, 3. H. Q. 2.

Sword Dance: 1. L/C Young, 2. Piper Howe.

Musket Shield: "B" Company.

Football Shield: H. Q. 2.

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CHAPTER VIII.

I walked home thinking very hard about the story of the Monday afternoon. It was a plausible story if the mishap on the lugger, whatever it was, could be accounted for if it had been a cutter and both men had been knocked overboard by the boom, or if they had been caught unawares by a heavy sea. But Newberry was an old fisherman who would not be likely to have missed such an ex-plantation.

And I wanted to know more about that motor-boat, only there was no one to tell me.

This was linked up in my mind with the events of the Wednesday. There was the link, plain enough, in Overbury's note to Merafield: "After what happened on Monday... wait for a telephone message. You ought not to miss it."

I sat wondering and considering after dinner, with my wife opposite me. I felt many compunctions about my wife. I could not confide in her if I was to keep my word with Lady Merafield, and it was all the worse because she was so worried by what had befallen "that nice woman." I may say that she was fully persuaded of Lady Merafield's innocence, though she did not share my knowledge. Her conviction was based not on facts, she had a feminine trick of ignoring them in favour of impressions. Lady Merafield was innocent just because Lady Merafield was not a woman who could be guilty.

"They're a long time getting at the truth of what happened at Merafield Tower," said she, startling me (as one's wife often will) by expressing my own thoughts aloud.

"Yes," said I, "they are. But it's a deep complication, and they haven't much to go on."

I wondered whether I should spring on her the idea that had been growing in my mind since I sat there puzzling at the connection between Mason's story and the note in my pocket book, and particularly at the meaning of the reference to a telephone call. The idea was that if Mason's suggestion, however improbable, had any basis of truth, Lady Merafield might be in real danger unless I could get closer to the facts. Then, as if my mental processes were being shown to her on a cinema screen, my wife said:

"Can't you do anything yourself?"

I gazed at her in astonishment. She sat there fiddling over something with a needle or a crochet hook. I can't remember which, and put this most crucial question in the most casual way.

Could I do something myself? Yes, undoubtedly I could. I could see two or three things which I might do at once, if I disregarded Lady Merafield's request for secrecy. The point was whether the time had come, as she said it might come, to use the information contained in Overbury's note.

"I think I can make some inquiries. I don't quite know where they will lead me. I've been considering it. I will begin to-morrow."

"I'm glad," she said.

"You follow me? I don't quite know where they will lead me, either in person or in the result. They may mean journeys."

"I don't care," she said, "so long as somebody does something. That nice woman ought not to be in prison and under this dreadful cloud."

This talk finally embarked me upon the solution of the Merafield mystery. The next morning I asked for a private interview with the superintendent of the telephone system at Westport. I fear I presumed a little on my official position in suggesting that he should allow me to examine the register of telephone calls for the 19th August. But I obtained it; and spent a long and troublesome hour scanning columns of figures in the search for calls put through to Merafield Tower on that day.

Merafield's number was "Westport 7132." I made note of every call and of the time at which it was recorded. There were four between ten in the morning and five in the afternoon. Then nothing.

With the aid of the special directory of numbers kept in the superintendent's office I identified these calls. They were all from tradesmen in Westport, and obviously had nothing to do with my inquiry.

At the first attempt I had drawn a blank.

BRITAIN AND IRAK CONFER.

REVISION OF AGREEMENT.

London, Oct. 24. Conversations upon Anglo-Iraq questions will begin at the Colonial Office to-morrow, between King Faisal and his Prime Minister, Jafar Pasha, and the Hon. W. G. A. Ormesby Gore, Acting Colonial Secretary, and Sir Henry Dobbs, the British High Commissioner in Iraq.

There is an explicit stipulation contained in the Anglo-Iraq treaty that the diplomatic instruments governing the relations of the two countries should be automatically revised every four years. The time for the next revision is March, 1928, but the visit of King Faisal and his Prime Minister to London has enabled that task to be anticipated by a few months.—*British Wireless.*

2.17 a.m. Exeter 9293 Westport 7132. Three minutes."

I repressed all the excitement I felt at this discovery. "I want," said I to the superintendent, "as a matter of business, to discover the origin of a certain call. Would it be possible to tell me the name of the subscriber whose number is Exeter 9293?" "Business of the Court, Mr. Franks?"

"In a sense, yes." I stretched my conscience so far without much difficulty.

"It took him a few minutes to find the name. Then I left his office with the knowledge that within half an hour of his death Sir Charles Merafield had received a telephone message from the house of Dr. Robert Sandys, of Chittlehampton, in the Exeter area.

I knew Chittlehampton very well—a quiet little market town, on the foothills of Dartmoor, about a dozen miles to the west of Exeter. But I had never heard of Dr. Robert Sandys, or of any connection between him and Merafield. I looked him up in Kelly. It could only tell me that he was a medical practitioner, one of the two in the place.

It seemed unlikely that a country doctor could have anything to do with the events of those three days at Merafield Tower. But there was the plain evidence of the telephone register.

"Within an hour I had settled my business for the day, returned to Rosebank, taken an early lunch, and left in the car, telling my wife that I might be late home.

The distance from my house to Chittlehampton is about thirty-five miles. The last eighteen led through the mountainous heart of Dartmoor, and the pace of my general purposes two-seater over those steep and awful roads was not high. On Warren Tor, almost the crest of the journey, where the narrow ribbon of road winds up into the clouds, I heard the shriek of a Klaxon behind me, and pulled in to the near side to let the big car pass. It swished by proudly, a large saloon with the chauffeur only on board.

A hundred yards ahead of me it stopped; and the chauffeur put out his hand to pull me up. I drew alongside him.

It was Atkins and the car was Merafield's. I must have looked at my gaping wonderment.

"I beg your pardon, sir. Of course, you are astonished to see me. But I thought you would excuse me. A telephone message came to Merafield Tower for you. I took it, and neither I nor Mason could understand it. It was simply to say that the person you were looking for was not at Chittlehampton, and it was no good going. I went over to Rosebank and found from Mrs. Franks that you had started. So I came after you."

I sat in the car and stared at him for a full minute. He remained respectful and apologetic, his gloved hands on the wheel.

"Who sent the telephone message, and why should a message for me be sent to Merafield Tower?" I asked, at length.

"I am sure I have not the least idea, sir. They gave the message and then rang off."

"It's very good of you to take all this trouble, Atkins," said I.

"Not at all, sir. Both Mason and I thought it was well that you should have the message at once, though Mason does not know that I have come after you."

"Ah!" said I. "Then it was doubly thoughtful of you, Atkins."

"I did what I thought was best on the spur of the moment. I suppose you'll be going back now, sir?"

"I did not answer Atkins at once. I sat looking at him hard. He waited patiently.

"No," I said. "I think I shall go on to Chittlehampton. But you will be going back, of course?"

"I think not, sir," said Atkins.

"Now I am so near Exeter, I shall go on there and call at Stansbury's garage. There's a short in my lighting circuit that wants to be seen to."

"Very well, Atkins. And thank you."

He touched his hat and let in his clutch at the same moment, and

SCREECHING SIRENS ON WHANGPOO.

SHANGHAI COUNCIL'S WAR.

Following a complaint against the unnecessary screeching of sirens and the volumes of smoke emitted from launches in the river, which seriously interfere with conduct of business in the offices on the Bund, the Shanghai Municipal Council has instructed the police on duty at the jetties to tighten up surveillance and report offenders.

This step has been taken in reply to a complaint from Messrs. Beck and Swann, Secretaries of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce. The complaint states, according to the Municipal Gazette that it is no uncommon thing to hear on numerous occasions throughout each working day as many as five or six launches at the "Customs" (Kukiang Road) Jetty sounding their whistles together in succession to each other for prolonged periods before departure, thus creating a nuisance and interfering seriously with the business of firms and other establishments having their offices or premises on the Bund. This nuisance is by no means confined to the Jetty referred to.

"Another serious cause for complaint is the dense volumes of smoke which flood the Bund frontage on occasions when the wind is blowing from any of the Eastern quarters, at times filling buildings in the vicinity to such an extent that it constitutes not only a nuisance, but a menace to health."

"It would appear to our Committee that there is urgent need of regulations controlling the sounding of whistle signals and the 'firing up' of launches and tenders moored to the public pontoons," the letter concludes.

While promising action regarding Municipal pontoons and jetties, the Council has referred the Chamber to the Harbour Master regarding the nuisance emanating from launches plying in the river.

OUR GOVERNOR IN JAPAN.

ENTERTAINED AT EMBASSY.

Tokyo, Oct. 20. Sir John Tilley, the British Ambassador, gave a dinner last night at the British Embassy in honour of Sir Cecil Clementi, the Governor of Hongkong, and Lady Clementi, who are now on a visit to Japan.

General Baron Tanaka, the Premier; Mr. Debuchi, the Vice-Foreign Minister; Admiral Viscount Saito, Governor-General of Korea; Mr. Hamaguchi, President of the Rikken Minseito Party; Viscount Kaneko and many other Japanese dignitaries were also present at the meeting.

JAPANESE NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

EMPEROR SUPERVISES.

Tokyo, Oct. 20. H.M. the Emperor left Tokyo Station for Yokosuka this morning, in order to supervise the grand naval manoeuvres now taking place in the Pacific. The vessels participating in the manoeuvres number 170, the total tonnage being 900,000 tons.

It is understood that the Emperor will issue orders to the participating fleets to cease the mimic battle probably on Thursday, when manoeuvres are expected to reach their height. Following their conclusion a grand naval review will take place in Tokyo Bay on October 30.

"Sorry to bother you, doctor," said I, "but I've been trying to overtak Atkins, the chauffeur. I suppose he's been and gone?"

"Mr.—ah—Franks?" said he, seeking for credentials.

"Yes, solicitor," said I, taking a card out of my case.

"Ah! And you've called about Mrs. Briscoe?"

I suppressed my eagerness, and tried to speak in a casual tone.

"Yes," said I, "I am very anxious to see her."

"A pity! I told her it was not quite wise to go so soon, but she insisted on going off in the car. She said the telephone message left her no choice."

"If ever in my life I found lying easy, it was then."

"I fear that the message was sent by a subordinate and was not well put," said I. "What time did it come through?"

"Let me see, now—an hour ago."

"No, say an hour and a half ago."

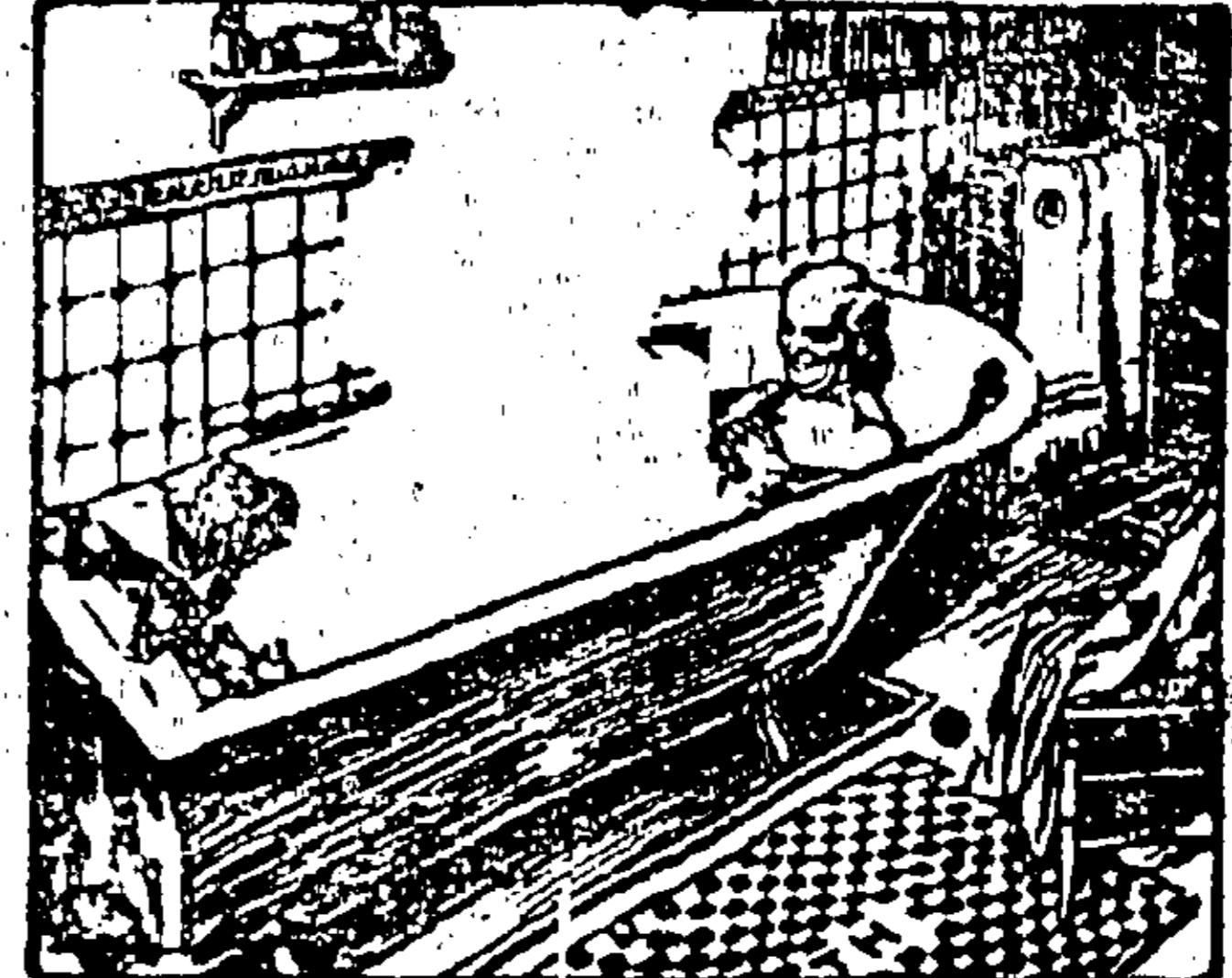
"And it said the car would be here for her?"

"Oh, yes. She was all ready when it came, and went off at once. I do not understand quite, Mr. Franks. I thought Mrs. Briscoe said the message was from Mr. Briscoe?"

"Oh, yes," said I, "very likely indeed. I understand he was ringing her up. But never mind, I shall see him shortly, and things will straighten themselves out. Most sorry to have bothered you."

"Not at all, my dear sir," said the doctor. "Sorry you've had the

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WING ON CASE.

DEFENDANT DENIES CONSPIRACY.

The case in which F. H. Chan is charged with conspiring with H. K. Yeung and others to damage the Wing On Company in their shipchandlery business, was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Lindsell said that the only legal point at issue which was left to him to consider after the last adjournment was whether Mr. M. K. Lo (for the defence) having refused to admit original letters of Wing On's customer, Mr. Jenkins was entitled to prove them on the copies produced in Court.

With some hesitation his Worship found that Mr. Jenkins was justified, because Mr. Lo was actually in possession of those documents and not Mr. Wilson, and that Mr. Lo could have admitted them if he so desired. On the evidence of the copies of these letters, his Worship thought that a *prima facie* case had been made out against the defendant, that he conspired with H. K. Yeung and others to damage the Wing On Company in their trade with the Dollar Company.

Mr. Lo: I want to be clear on one point. Your Worship holds that the documents are in my possession as agent for Mr. Wilson, or in my own possession, that is to say in the possession of the defendant?

Mr. Lindsell: In your possession as defendant's solicitor.

No Notice to Produce.

Mr. Lo argued that he received no notice to produce them, and all that he had conceded hitherto was that there was an arrangement whereby he could have obtained these documents from Mr. Wilson. The point Mr. Lo desired to bring forward was that these documents belonged to Mr. Wilson and were in the possession of Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Lindsell: If these documents had remained all the time in Mr. Wilson's possession, it would have been different. The prosecution in that case would have to *subpoena* Mr. Wilson and, in the ordinary way, to call for the production of these documents.

Mr. Lindsell said that the course of the proceedings had shown that the prosecution wanted Mr. Lo to produce those documents, and such showing could have been taken as notice for the production.

Mr. Lo said he had shown the documents to Mr. Davidson. He had handled them not in his capacity as defendant's solicitor. He was in possession of them *on behalf of* Mr. Wilson, and that *only* on certain conditions, one of which was that he was to return them at a moment's notice.

No Instructions.

Mr. Lindsell: You were under no instructions that they were not to be produced in Court?

Mr. Lindsell said that as he had stated, he had considerable hesitation in giving his ruling, but he found the documents had been mostly in the possession of Mr. Lo, and correspondingly in the possession of the defendant.

Mr. Jenkins: You tell us, Mr. Chan, that you now know that a new price list was sent out in the name of the Wing On Company on July 12? I cannot say when the

Mr. Lo said that if his Worship found a *prima facie* case, his client would lose an advantage, in respect of the documents, which he might possess at the moment. At the sessions, in the event of the defendant's committal, the documents would be called for.

Mr. Jenkins said that the documents would not be called for. Mr. Lo had not lost any advantage, except that of having a friendly witness.

Mr. Lindsell finally held that Mr. Lo was in *de facto* possession of the documents.

In asking his Worship to make a note of the ruling so as to avoid future ambiguity, Mr. Lo said: Your Worship agrees that you have no evidence before you as to how I got into possession of them and the conditions which I had them but that I was in *de facto* possession, and that I could have, if I chose to do so, handed them in.

The case was then proceeded with, the defendant being called to give evidence in the box on the opening of the case for the defence.

Defendant's Evidence.

The defendant stated that he had been ten years in the service of the Wing On Company. He knew a Mr. Anderson, and it was through the efforts of Mr. Anderson that the Wing On Company got their business with the Pacific Mail, in 1924. At the end of that year, the Wing On also got the business of the Admiral and Dollar Lines, and the result was that they were called upon to supply provisions to no fewer than 17 passenger liners and some cargo ships. Defendant claimed to have suggested this business himself, which suggestion was taken up by Young and adopted by the Wing On Company.

Regarding the original price lists, these were drafted by witness and approved by Young in his managerial capacity. He found in Young's desk, in a drawer which was left open, and was identical except for the omission of the words "Four Dollar" written across the top with the name of the month and the year, these being June and the present year respectively.

It was during business hours that witness saw this letter, and after copying it, he left it where he found it. He took his own copy home. This was on July 9 or 10. He then had no idea that the pencilled copy would be submitted to the Dollar Company nor did he know that a letter written for and on behalf of the Wing On Company had been sent to the Dollar Company notifying of the increase in prices. It was not until July 24 or thereabouts that he knew this revised list.

It was on July 18 that he got the contract from Mr. Wilson. Between this date and July 12 when he first submitted his tender, he saw Mr. Wilson almost daily, but had no prolonged conversation with him. When he received a favourable reply he went around the following day to thank Mr. Wilson, who said that certain items were highly priced, but on the whole, the prices were reasonable. It was then that mention was made by Mr. Wilson of the increase in prices. At this stage, the case was adjourned until 11.30 on Saturday morning.

Tender Accepted.

At the beginning of this year, defendant went to see a man by the name of Chan Tak-chow, and went into business with the latter under the name of F. Chan and Company. He submitted a price list to the Dollar Company and his tender was accepted. Young had no interest in F. Chan and Company at any material time, and there was no truth in the allegation that he conspired with Young in the matter of the Wing On contract.

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CUBAN TARIFFS.

INCREASE PROPOSED ON COTTONS WOOL AND SILK.

Washington, Oct. 24.

According to official advices from Havana substantial increases on the duties on cotton and woolen goods, silk and artificial silk are included in the new Cuban tariff schedules.—*Reuter American Service*.

list was sent out. Only, on July 23 or 24 last I saw a carbon copy of the list in the drawer of the desk, and that was sometime after he died. I looked through the copy. When I left the Wing On Company, I left a copy of this list in my desk, and I took away the key because there were also some old letters and documents in the same drawer.

Copied the List.

In further cross-examination, defendant said that he carried on after Young's death, although not in a managerial capacity because he thought that Mr. Kwok, the supervising manager, had taken over the management of the ship-chandlery department. The list which witness had left behind was made up from a pencilled copy which he found in Young's desk, in a drawer which was left open, and was identical except for the omission of the words "Four Dollar" written across the top with the name of the month and the year, these being June and the present year respectively.

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MANTUA	10,946	11th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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FIRM IN FINANCIAL
STRAITS.COMPOSITION AGREEMENT
CLAIMED.

That the plaintiff had gone back on an agreement to accept a composition, was the defence raised in a case at the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood, in which the Kwan Tye firm sued the Hung Cheong firm, otherwise known as L. Charles and Co., for \$181.05 due for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks defended the action.

The debt was admitted but it was stated that the Hung Cheong firm, which had been losing money for several years was endeavouring to dispose of its business, and in order to facilitate matters, tried to arrange a composition.

The creditors of the Hung Cheong firm were invited to a meeting at which plaintiffs were represented, and an offer of 50 per cent. in full settlement was made. The creditors accepted the offer, plaintiff agreeing to the composition, and it was further agreed that the money should be paid into a solicitor's hands as a guarantee of payment.

A schoolmaster, who stated that as a friend of the managing partner of the defendant firm, he arranged for the disposal of the business and for the composition, told Court that plaintiffs agreed to accept 50 per cent. in full settlement.

Mr. McCallum, in cross-examination, sought to show that the plaintiffs had resisted the composition throughout, but witness denied this. Seven of the biggest creditors—the firm, owed between \$4,000 and \$5,000—were present at the meeting, including the Kwan Tye firm, and all agreed. Even if the plaintiffs had not agreed, as they did, it was understood that the question should be decided by majority.

The Judgment.

Further evidence was called, and his Lordship found that another agreement was reached between the plaintiffs and defendants outside the composition, and gave judgment for the plaintiffs, for the amount of the claim, with half the costs.

LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL.

FOUR NEW BILLS.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Thursday afternoon at which the Attorney General will move the first reading of the following four new Bills:

An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hongkong of the English Assumption of the Jesuit Order.

An Ordinance to amend the General Loan and Incribed Stock Ordinance 1913.

An Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884.

An Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen.

The Bills have previously been published.

The Council will also consider the second reading of:

An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.

An Ordinance to amend the Chinese Extradition Ordinance, 1899.

DRIVERS FINED.

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His Worship said that if civil action was taken, it was desirable to adjourn the case while awaiting the outcome of the action.

Mr. Dennis pointed out that the charge was of negligent driving and not of causing an accident. A my decision arrived at by His Worship would not affect the issue of the civil action.

His Worship agreed, but owing to the large number of other traffic cases which were before him, adjourned the hearing until Friday afternoon.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. In the modern tramways or trolleyways used in the sixteenth century in and around Newcastle-on-Tyne for conveyance of minerals. 2. The Forth Bridge, 8,008 ft. 3. Width between the inner edge of rails. 4. The \$100,000,000 in capital was invested in these two companies. 5. The Union Pacific-Central Pacific 1869; 1,848 miles. 6. Rate at which a railway line or road rises or falls above or below horizontal. 7. The Great Western and the Midland. 8. The British Government. 9. Robert Stephenson, 1829. 9. So named because in early railway days first-class passengers could book their seats in advance. 10. The first steamship to touch land on the plateau between the two ranges of the Andes and the Andes Mountains—11,600 feet high. 12. The early metal rails were called tramway or barrow-way plates, and the men who laid them were platerlayers.

FENGTIEN ADVANCE
ORDERED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Chen-hua's forces have gone over to the Shantung side. The message anticipates the early capture of Kufeng.—Reuter.

STABBED WITH BAYONET.

Foreign Captain Attacked.

A number of foreign officials reports reaching Peking indicate that the situation in the Upper Yangtze continues to be dangerous. Numbers of Japanese vessels have been fired on while other foreign ships, particularly those of the Yangtze River Steamship Company, have been forced continually to carry troops free of charge.

Recently the authorities at Ichang demanded a loan of twelve and a half thousand dollars from this concern and upon being refused the Rockfeller Commission on yellow fever.

He had visited West Africa in 1920 as a member of the same Commission, and he knew well the peril of his task when he asked this year for his leave to be extended to six months to enable him to continue the work.

Professor Stokes received a commission in the R. A. M. C. in 1914, won the D. S. O. and other decorations, and was mentioned in dispatches. He was 40 and unmarried.

"We have our fish hooked. It is now just a matter of landing him. Unless we are careless or the tackle breaks, it is only a question of time. The time may be years but it must come."

In these words, in a letter to Dr. T. B. Johnston, Dean of Guy's Hospital Medical School, London, Professor Adrian Stokes wrote of the progress of his fight against the yellow fever scourge a few weeks before he himself contracted the disease which was killed him leaving his task all but accomplished.

He knew quite well that in going out to West Africa to engage in this fight he was running risks to his own life. Dr. Johnston said to a Press Association representative in an interview today, but Stokes was never a man to spare himself.

There can be no doubt whatever that his death was due to the investigations he was carrying out. He caught the infection, I should think, from one of the infected mosquitoes which he was keeping for experimental purposes.

[Note.—Yellow fever is an acute non-contagious fever, usually causing a mortality of 45 to 80 per cent. in West Africa and 25 per cent. in those parts of the American Continent where it occurs. Occasionally it has appeared in Europe, the last time in Madrid in 1878. It has not prevailed in England since 1865. It is spread by a mosquito (the *Aedes vexans*), and gets its name from the fact that jaundice gives a yellow tint to the skin.]

MME. SUN AND EUGENE CHEN.
Movement and Plans.

Mme. Sun Yat-sen has addressed a telegram to her family in Shanghai denying the report which appeared in the *Daily Mail* and in other newspapers to the effect that she had been married to Mr. Eugene Chen. Mme. Sun declares the report to be "a calumnious assertion without any foundation."

Mme. Sun is at the present time in Russia, where she is travelling in the company of Mrs. William Prohme. It is understood that Mr. Eugene Chen is elsewhere in South Russia and will shortly take up residence at Geneva from which place he will issue lengthy and vitriolic broadsides against the various Governments in China and against the present control of the Kuomintang Party.

Comrade Borodin is reported to have arrived in Moscow and to be preparing for a conference of Chinese Communists in the Russian capital. The attitude of the Soviet Government towards the Chinese Communists is, however, uncertain.

CRAFTY FENG.

How He Failed Shansi.

It is reported from Kalgan that, prior to his departure from that city, General Shang Chen, calling together citizens, delivered a pathetic speech, the gist of which follows:

"Feng Yu-hsiang is the incarnation of craftiness. As he does not fulfil his promise to the Shansi Army, our military operations have entirely miscarried and our army is now compelled to retreat. Indeed, the crushing defeat of the Shansi forces is due to the insincerity of Feng Yu-hsiang."

LOCAL SHIPBUILDING.

MOTOR VESSEL ORDERED AT
KOWLOON DOCK.

Confirmation of an order for the building of a motor vessel at the Kowloon Dock has just been received and although the ship is not of heavy tonnage the work is welcome and will give employment for the next few months.

The new ship is to be built to the order of Messrs. Abolitz and Company Inc., of Cebu, and is to be a twin-screwed steel ship of 1,244 feet, beam 27 feet and moulded depth 11.2 feet, to carry 300 tons on a nine feet draught.

The main engines will be Deutz full Diesel, with four cycles at 300 R.P.M., producing 330 B.H.P., giving a speed of approximately nine knots. These are to be supplied by the Atlas Company.

Construction commences almost immediately.

COXSWAIN'S DEATH.

A VALUED SERVANT.

A belated report of the death of To Tai, the Chinese coxswain of the Government launch Stanley has been received, he having died on Friday last at his home in Yaumati at the age of 56.

The deceased had proved himself to be a very loyal and efficient servant of the Harbour Department and was the first of Chinese coxswains to take over the duties of master of the Stanley.

His knowledge of the Delta waterways was invaluable to the service and throughout the recent strike, he was the only Chinese member of the floating staff who stuck to his post.

Joining the Government service in 1918 his ability was soon recognised and promotion quickly followed. The cause of death is understood to be heart failure, as a complication of beri-beri. The funeral on Saturday was largely attended and wreaths were sent by all members of the Harbour Office staff.

The lifework of two men who for 65 years had been inseparable friends was fulfilled when they died within an hour of each other in Sydney, one at the age of 95 and the other 85. Michael Pollock and Solomon met when Pollock was a young man of 20 and Solomon a bachelor of 30. Fate had not been kind to them, and when they heard that gold had been discovered on the west coast of New Zealand they pooled their money and went off together to join in the rush. They remained in New Zealand for 40 years, living at the same house at Hokitika. Later they got engaged, and when they married Mr. Pollock's sister. The wives died, but the old men lived on, both cared for by Miss Mabel, Mr. Solomon's daughter. Until a few weeks ago neither had suffered a serious illness, though both had often expressed the wish that when the time came they might be taken together. On the same afternoon both were seized with influenza, and had to take to their beds. They fought hard against the illness, but ten days later they died, the one an hour after the other.

TWO BRITISH
ENGINEERS KILLED.WHILE MOVING GIRDER ON
BRIDGE.

London, Oct. 8.

Beira.—While moving a girder on a bridge on the Beira-Umtali line, two British officers, Colonel Arnold and Colonel Jenkins, bridge engineers, were killed.

Two natives, one a Chinese were injured.

DEATH FROM YELLOW
FEVER.WHILE INVESTIGATING THE
DISEASE.

One of Britain's most eminent pathologists, and an authority on tropical diseases, Professor Adrian Stokes, who has been devoting six months' leave of absence from Guy's Hospital to help in conquering the scourge of yellow fever, has died from that complaint contracted while at his duty at Lagos, West Africa (says the *Daily Mail*).

Brief cablegrams from Lagos show that he was smitten by the fever last Thursday, and was taken to the European Hospital. Although the date of his death is not given, it is believed that he passed away on Monday afternoon.

He was due to return next month from the researches he was conducting as a member of the Rockfeller Commission on yellow fever. He had visited West Africa in 1920 as a member of the same Commission, and he knew well the peril of his task when he asked this year for his leave to be extended to six months to enable him to continue the work.

Professor Stokes received a commission in the R. A. M. C. in 1914, won the D. S. O. and other decorations, and was mentioned in dispatches. He was 40 and unmarried.

"We have our fish hooked. It is now just a matter of landing him. Unless we are careless or the tackle breaks, it is only a question of time. The time may be years but it must come."

In these words, in a letter to Dr. T. B. Johnston, Dean of Guy's Hospital Medical School, London, Professor Adrian Stokes wrote of the progress of his fight against the yellow fever scourge a few weeks before he himself contracted the disease which was killed him leaving his task all but accomplished.

He knew quite well that in going out to West Africa to engage in this fight he was running risks to his own life. Dr. Johnston said to a Press Association representative in an interview today, but Stokes was never a man to spare himself.

There can be no doubt whatever that his death was due to the investigations he was carrying out. He caught the infection, I should think, from one of the infected mosquitoes which he was keeping for experimental purposes.